Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Paul Ryan Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives H-232, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means 1102 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

CC: Majority Leader McCarthy and Majority Whip Scalise

Dear Speaker Ryan and Chairman Brady:

Please consider including H.R. 5006 *Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act* in Tax Reform 2.0. This pro-family legislation financially supports pregnant mothers so they can afford the costs of pregnancy.

Because families with unborn children are already financially burdened by the medical costs of pregnancy and the cost of preparing to raise a child, these families deserve to receive the same tax-incentives as families with children who are already born. H.R. 5006 expands the Child Tax Credit's definition of "qualifying child" to include an unborn child, if such a child is born and issued a social security number before the due date of tax filing. This action will help families with unborn children.

The Child Tax Credits for Pregnant Moms Act allows parents to file to receive the tax credits during the year prior to when the child is born if the child is born between January 1st and April 14th. Or parents can seek a double tax credit for the year the child is born if the child is born between April 15th and December 31st. In this way, the parents can make up for the difference.

The costs for caring for a new life are rapidly expanding, and this tax credit will help parents provide for their new children. By including this legislation in Tax Reform 2.0, House Republicans will be making a strong effort to help new and growing families across the United States.

I urge you to include H.R. 5006, the *Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act* in Tax Reform 2.0. I look forward to working with you to pass additional tax reform that simplifies the tax code and helps families across the nation.

Sincerely,

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